Emission norms

219. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legally binding emission norms were evolved at the United Nations Climate summit held in Bali in December, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the basis of the norms adopted; and

(c) to what extent the norms adopted were equitable, in terms of per capita Green House gas emissions, as proposed by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (a) above.

Fund for Ganga Clean-up Programme

220. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 5th December, 2007, the Supreme Court of India advised Government not to release more funds for Ganga clean-up from Rs. 1000 crore Ganga Action Plan without the States showing utilization certificates for earlier grants;

(b) if so, whether during the last three months, such utilization certificates have been received; and

(c) whether the utilization of funds has shown actual achievement of objectives set forth while releasing earlier grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):(a) to (c) In its orders dated 5th December, 2007, the Hon'ble Supreme Court, among other points, has observed that if further funds are allocated by the Union of India, the Planning Commission may verify whether those funds are duly utilized for the States effectively. The subject order has been provided by the Ministry to the Planning Commission for necessary compliance. The States implementing the Ganga Action Plan have also been directed in the order by the Hon'ble Court to file proper affidavits with details of utilization certificates for the funds received under the Plan.

Control of pollution in rivers is a continuous process. Fund releases under the Plan are made to Implementing Agencies of the States in the form of recurring grants commensurate with the status of the Projects on receipt and scrutiny of Utilisation Certificates from time to time in respect of the earlier releases and the details of their deployment in the approved schemes for pollution abatement. Unspent balances, if any, are duly taken into account while effecting subsequent releases for the sanctioned works. The releases are made taking into account the overall requirement of funds assessed on the basis of the progress achieved in the pollution abatement works and the amounts utilized as per the Utilization Certificates.